

Remarks

Applicant has amended Claims 1, 28, and 29, and cancelled Claims 13 and 14. Applicant respectfully submits that no new matter was added by the amendment, as all of the amended matter was either previously illustrated or described in the drawings, written specification and/or claims of the present application. Entry of the amendment and favorable consideration thereof is earnestly requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner has allowed Claim 30. The Examiner indicated that Claim 14 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicant has amended Claim 1 to include all limitations of Claim 14 and intervening Claim 13. Applicant also removed “wherein at least two positioning pins are exchangeable” from Claim 1. Applicant respectfully submits that Claim 1 as amended is allowable.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 112

The Examiner has rejected Claims 28 and 29 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Applicant has amended Claims 28 and 29 to include the “imaging optics” and the “part” previously removed from Claim 1. Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 28 and 29 as amended comply with the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. §112.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 102/103

The Examiner has rejected Claims 1, 12, 10, 15, 16, 28 and 29 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) and Claims 6 and 13 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a). Applicant respectfully submits that these rejections are moot in view of the present amendment. Each of the rejected claims depends from Claim 1 which has been amended to include the allowable subject matter of Claim 14 and intervening Claim 13.

Conclusion

It is respectfully submitted that claims 1, 6, 10, 12, 15 – 16, and 28 – 30, all of the claims remaining in the application, are in order for allowance and early notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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